

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1181

Introduced by Assembly Member Matthews

February 22, 2005

An act to add Section 49605 to the Education Code, relating to educational counseling.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1181, as introduced, Matthews. Counseling services.

Existing law allows the governing board of any school district to provide a comprehensive educational counseling program for all pupils enrolled in the schools of the district. Existing law requires that educational counseling include, but not be limited to, academic counseling, career and vocational counseling, and personal and social counseling.

This bill would require each school offering instruction in any of grades 7 to 12, inclusive, to have a minimum of one counselor per 500 pupils. Because this bill may require schools to employ additional counselors, it would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 49605 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:
3 49605. Each school offering instruction in any of grades 7 to
4 12, inclusive, shall have a minimum of one counselor per 500
5 pupils.
6 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
7 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
8 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
9 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
10 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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